

REMARKS

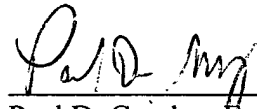
Claims 1, 4 through 6, and 9 through 11 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 are canceled. Claim 11 is newly added.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 6 and 9 to clarify certain aspects of the claimed invention, and has deleted hyphens, i.e. "-", from claims 1 and 6. Because this amendment is preliminary to examination, it is not made for purposes of patentability over any reference. Thus, the doctrine of equivalents should be available for all terms of all of the claims. Favorable consideration is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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